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AN URGENT APPEAL.

It is necessary to once more appeal to all members of the Theosophical Society in America for financial assistance in the maintenance of the Society's work.

Very few responses to the appeal made in the May FORUM have been received, though such an appeal has not been made for three years; previously to that special donations having been invited annually.

Recent theosophical activities of enormous importance have diverted donations from the Society into other channels, and in consequence the donations last year, as was shown in the Treasurer's report to the recent Convention, showed a decrease of nearly fifty per cent. as compared to donations received from April 1st, 1895, to April 1st, 1896.

Members are asked to remember that without the Society, most of the recent theosophical activities could not have been successfully carried out, and would not have been entered upon. As Mr. Judge frequently said, "the Society is our *base*, and without it we should be helpless." Hence it is of primary importance to support the T. S. in A.

As was stated in the President's report, the fixed dues and fees received from members in no way cover the actual expenditure, for one-half the money so received is returned directly to the members and Branches in printing of FORUM, *Oriental Department Papers*, etc., and in postage.

While donations have fallen off the expenses have not diminished.

The Society is some $800 in debt at the present time. We therefore most urgently appeal to all who have the welfare of the work at heart to send to the Treasurer as soon as possible any contributions, from the smallest sum upwards, in order to liquidate the existing debt and place the Society on a sound financial basis during the coming year.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

QUESTION 101.

I find myself unconsciously feeling a dislike to some persons. How can I eradicate this feeling from my mind?

E. O' Rourke.—In the first place one who finds himself so disturbed should seclude himself for a short time and meditate upon the condition in which he has discovered himself to be in. When he has realized as fully as he can, by close analysis, the different phases of his condition, an effort should be made to find out what is the cause of such dislike. And I venture to say that in nearly every case the feeling of dislike of others arises from a belief that the persons disliked have perhaps without intending any affront at all, failed to recognize the merits of the one offended. There is nothing so offensive to self-pride as to be treated with indifference or contempt. And yet such treatment, whether intended or not, if properly considered, may be the means of awakening the one so treated to a sense of his own position and may mark a starting point on the right path.

It may appear, on reflection, to the one offended that he has, by word or act at some time, been the conscious or unconscious cause of producing a like state of feeling in others. When he fully realizes this he will be better prepared to deal with his own case. He may, for a time, feel greatly depressed. But this condition will pass and may prove to be very beneficial. It will probably produce humility. With a firm purpose to make a new departure; with an ardent desire to overcome such feeling of dislike, the good resolve will, day by day, be so strengthened that, in a short time, it will disappear. We often find ourselves thinking too much of the personal merits or demerits of others—this should be avoided. Make an effort not to think of those who have offended you. And whether or not you have found cause to accuse yourself, by making a

supreme effort every time the feeling of dislike returns, you will gain in power to resist and will finally overcome such feeling altogether. But you must have a firm belief that victory will come to you in the end.

J. I. Brent.—This dislike is the effect of a cause and that cause can nearly always be found by examining ourselves. When we know the cause it is easier to apply the remedy. The cause will generally be found in our applying, consciously or unconsciously, the square to a person and the failure of that person to square to our ideas. We can eradicate it from our minds by getting on a higher plane, by not allowing ourselves to judge any one, and by never applying the square to any one but ourselves.

QUESTION 102.

Is it possible to control one's acts and thoughts in the dream state? How may this be done? Can we progress while in this state?

J. W. L. K.—It is difficult to reply adequately to this question, for each case differs in some respect from every other. Broadly speaking, it is comparatively possible to control one's acts and thoughts in the dream state; possible, that is, to some persons and under some conditions: it may also become possible to all persons, in time, and still under certain conditions. These conditions are those of constant mental training, mental purification, eliminating error and steadying the mind. "Before that path is entered, thou must destroy thy lunar body, cleanse thy mind body and make pure thy heart." The astral form, source of dream delusion and confusion is the "lunar body" which must be "paralyzed" by the will; the unclean or deluded mind cannot comprehend Truth when seen.

When a man has gained control over the mind, the "internal organ" of the inner man, he has the same control in dream states when that inner man only is awake. The degree in which he acquires control in the waking states will govern the degree of his control in dream. When such control is reached, some of the dream states may be used as a means. But it would not appear correct to call the dream state, roughly speaking, a state of progress, because in fact, the dream state of the ordinary man is one of confusion and of limitation, while the purified man is not in the ordinary dream states at all; he sees; he looks directly upon Truth. Between these two extremes lie innumerable dream states, in some of which we may learn, but we must bring that knowledge through to waking consciousness.

A. B. G.—It "is possible to control one's thoughts and acts in dreams" to the extent that one is able to carry the precedent will or purpose into them. No dream can be affected unless it has already been recorded in the waking consciousness, and the desire there established to

change its particular form. When this is the case, the dream appears as usual, as the special feature which the mind desires to change, and suddenly the memory responds to the phase manifesting, and there is a conscious act of will immediately performed. This can be carried so far as to stop a certain class of dreams; and in other instances, it often carries the consciousness to a higher plane.

I should say that sense-dreams, invited by a careless habit of waking thought, must of necessity produce Karma—at least physical Karma.

Nearly all dreams which have the *Jagrat*, or active quality, are sequarious, and rational living will banish them, and all dream-Karma.

The above answer does not deal with any of the states of the waking consciousness.

G. Hijo.—I believe that it is perfectly possible to control one's thoughts in the dream state, and that the method of doing it is to exercise a control of all thoughts and acts when waking. When sleeping the brain seems to automatically reproduce the most influential or strongest waking thoughts; it would appear as if the freedom of will was eliminated and as if our activities when sleeping were the unconscious repetition of the predominating influences of our waking moments. To such an extent is this the case, that one can almost certainly determine the thoroughness with which one has conquered a certain tendency, by observing whether or not there is a cessation of the reproduction of that tendency in sleep. If we are prone to fits of anger and are trying to conquer them, we shall find that we shall have outbursts of passion in our dreams long after we have conquered the outward physical manifestations of them; for the seeds of such a vice, especially one long continued, will remain in the nature and can be called into activity by sufficient stimulus for a considerable time after the vice is completely conquered, so far as outward observance is concerned. In sleep where the control of the brain is removed and where we act as we are and not as we seem, if there is the faintest remaining trace of anger or other vice in our natures it will manifest in some form or other. The occultist pays much attention to his dreams and learns much from them. I believe these things apply with particular force to all sensual matters and that we can study the real condition of our nature in these respects better through our dreams than in any other way. We can deceive ourselves when awake, but the record of our dreams is a record of what we are, and not of what we would like to be.

I believe that great progress is often made during deep sleep, but it is doubtful if the same thing applies to the dream state. Just how this progress is made and just what forces bring it about belong to the realms of very practical occultism, and cannot be discussed in a pub-

lic magazine. The condition of deep sleep would appear to be analogous to the Devachanic condition after death, and during its progress we digest the experiences of the waking life, assimilating and assorting them, until they become an integral part of us.

Dreams usually occur just before waking, when the consciousness of man would appear to be gradually approaching the waking state. It is conceivable that during sleep the process of digestion and assimilation takes place on interior planes and that the product of the activities of the personality is [illegible] absorbed. This process of absorption [illegible] of the [illegible] not to the mental or moral condition [illegible] really illustrates. Nor must we lose sight of the fact that there are many kinds of dreams and that we are not black magicians at heart because too much ice cream and lobster salad is followed by a night of unrest and by dreams of desperate deeds. We must learn to distinguish the causes that produce different dream effects so as to get the full value of the hints that are undoubtedly conveyed to us by this one of very many means.

C.—It is possible to control one's acts, and therefore necessarily one's thoughts in the dream state. If one carries into the dream state the consciousness that one is dreaming, then, of course, the thoughts are under the same control that they would be in the waking state ; and with the control of the thoughts and the consciousness of the fact that the state is the dream state, there are other things that will naturally occur. That is, the dream itself can be modified to suit the thought of the dreamer by the exertion of his will. Generally the first consciousness that one is dreaming is brought in as a part of the dramatic action of the dream. I have never known of a case where the personality, dreaming, realized at first of himself, that he was dreaming ; but he is generally told by some one of the actors in his dream that he is dreaming, and in proportion to the intensity of his thought before going to sleep will this

argument be advanced by the figure in the dream. Often this is merely a suggestion thrown out several different times before his informant convinces him that the statement is true. After a few experiences in which he has realized that he is dreaming, he will however be able to know it without any apparent third party's advising him of the fact. The steps to produce this are: before going to sleep, to decide with a firm determination that when you dream you will refuse to be deceived by it and will realize that you are dreaming, and in proportion to the intensity of the effort of will brought to bear, will the success be.

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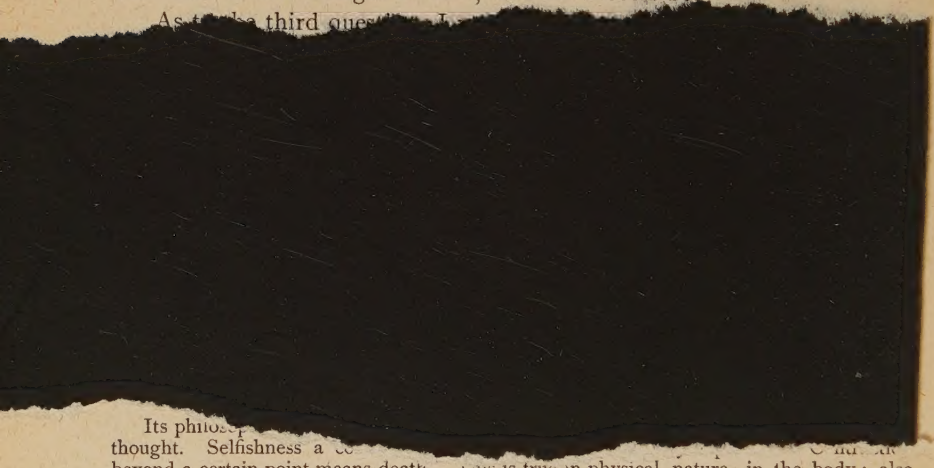

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beyond a certain point means death. This is true in physical nature, in the body; also true in the mind. Selfish contraction of the mind not only separates us from other minds but from the Higher Self. Distinctions between *selflessness* and *unselfishness*. The latter inferior to the former, the one a step to the other.

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MAN THE CREATOR.

Man's inherent desire to express himself outwardly—in word and deed—due to the creative faculty in his inner nature. All his creations originate in the mind. The idea precedes the act. Compare Plato's conception of an "idea." Man moulds cosmic substance by his thoughts and also shapes his own body. He creates his surroundings by thought—his sorrows and joys, and peoples his own current in space with the creations of his mind and imagination. His present ideals help to shape the destinies of humanity and to aid or retard the evolution of the lower kingdoms of nature His "ideal" or inner body: the body of the self is built by his hourly and hidden aspiration. This body will become his eternal vehicle in the course of ages as he gradually purifies his whole nature.

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THEOSOPHY AND CHRISTIANITY.

A distinction must be drawn between Christianity and theological dogmas. Little known of the direct teachings of Christ. His teachings the same as those of all other world-saviors. Theosophy is the truth underlying all religions and all systems of thought. The New Testament full of theosophical truths—these not generally on the surface as Jesus and all initiates taught in parables. The writings of the New Testament and of the

early Church Fathers closely allied to Greek thought and to the teachings of the Essenes and Gnostics. The teachings of universal brotherhood, universal justice, essential divinity of man, reincarnation, found in the New and Old Testaments. Paul's teaching of the spiritual, psychic and physical bodies of man, and of the Christos within. Theosophy in no sense antagonistic to true Christianity, for fundamentally they teach the same things. Christians should be urged to study their religion apart from theological dogmas and to endeavor to understand the inner or esoteric meaning of Christ's teaching.

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CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

Theosophy shows *why* this punishment defeats its own end. The ordinary arguments are sound, but many additional reasons: a man is not destroyed by destroying his body. If a murderer, his murderous thoughts still remain and work with greater freedom than when focussed in the physical brain. The animal nature in case of a man thrust out of life before the time of natural death is very strong and nothing of the man is lost save his physical body. Not being focussed and confined in a physical vehicle it is more dangerous to humanity than before. To kill a man when in the prime of animal vigor and full of passion turns loose his astral or etheric body to wreak havoc wherever it can gain material expression. How should criminals be treated?

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THEOSOPHICAL NEWS AND WORK.

SAN FRANCISCO T. S., Cal. Attendance at Branch Meetings constantly increases. All meetings are open to the public and visitors are invited to ask questions. Dr. Allen Griffiths lectured on May 9th to a large audience on "Men and Women."

White Lotus Day was appropriately kept by a union meeting of the San Francisco, Oakland, and Alameda Branches. The large platform of the Academy of Science Hall was beautifully decorated by the members of the Brotherhood Auxiliary. Flowers literally covered the speaker's stand and various Theosophical symbols—formed of bright colored flowers—hung upon the walls. The bust of W. Q. Judge and life size portraits of H. P. Blavatsky and Katherine A. Tingley occupied prominent places on the platform. A stringed band and a vocal solo were the musical features. While the memories of H. P. Blavatsky and W. Q. Judge were the theme of the evening's addresses, yet many references were made to the present leader of the Theosophical movement, Katherine A. Tingley, whose name was often mentioned with love and gratitude.

A BROTHERHOOD AUXILIARY has been formed in San Francisco with the following objects: To supplement Branch Work and to inaugurate and execute new lines of practical Theosophic work as occasion requires and means permit; to offer opportunities for the promotion of social intercourse among its members. Membership is open as follows: to members of Branches, T. S. A.; to members-at-large, T. S. A.; to members of families of the before-named who may desire to coöperate. The dues of each member are 10c. per month, all funds received to be applied to the work of the Auxiliary. Mrs. H. H. Somers was elected President; Dr. Allen Griffiths, Vice-President; H. B. Monges, Secretary and Treasurer.

James H. Cutter, one of the San Francisco members, has for a long time past supplied outgoing deep water vessels with T. S. leaflets, and has not only persistently continued that work, but has extended it. He has recently placed 20 japanned boxes upon as many bay and river steamers. A volunteer committee has been formed to keep these boxes supplied with leaflets.

TRIANGLE T. S., Alameda, Cal., is growing very satisfactorily. Larger and more convenient headquarters were occupied on May 1st at 1429½ Park St. Members from both Oakland and San Francisco frequently visit the Branch and help at the meetings. Julius Oettl, President of Alameda Branch, having to visit Alvarado, Cal., on business, also interested a number of people of that place in Theosophy and arranged for a public lecture which was given April 23d, by Dr. Griffiths, on "Theosophy, Adepts and Cycles."

SACRAMENTO T. S., Cal. On May 14th Dr. Griffiths began a course of lectures un-

der the auspices of the Branch. Mrs. Kate L. S. Cummings, of Sacramento, has been visiting Placerville, Cal., and has awakened an interest in Theosophy there. Bro. A. Spinks, of the same Branch, recently visited Placerville, and gave a public lecture to a large audience. The editors of both local papers greatly assisted in arranging for the lecture by personal efforts, and both assured Bro. Spinks of their desire for future meetings and willingness to make them successful. A class of 15 was formed with bright prospects of a Branch in the near future.

RIVERSIDE T. S., Cal., has rented a room on Main St., Wait and Simm's block, where the regular meeting of the Branch is held every Sunday at 3 P. M. The Branch is studying the topics outlined in FORUM. A number of persons besides the Branch members attend the meetings.

On March 28, April 4th and 11th lectures were given in Odd Fellows' Hall by Abbott B. Clark of Los Angeles, the subjects of the lectures being "Theosophy," "Brotherhood," and "We are Souls, Perfectible Souls." Good audiences attended these lectures. Abbott B. Clark also visited Redlands, Santa Monica, Pasadena and Santa Barbara, giving lectures and holding meetings at these places. All meetings were well attended and everywhere the members are working energetically and harmoniously. Bro. Clark is now in Los Angeles and lectured on May 16th and 18th at Unity Church and on the 19th at the Cosmopolitan Hall by invitation of the "Social Science Section," taking for his subject "Modern Social Problems in the light of Theosophy."

KSHANTI T. S., Victoria, B. C. W. Harold Berridge, the Secretary, writes as follows: During the latter part of March we had Bro. Jas. M. Pryse with us and it is hard to estimate the great amount of good which his visit accomplished. His quiet talks with the members were very helpful and his public lectures were also a brilliant success. At both of them our hall was crowded.

SAN DIEGO T. S., Cal., has had a steady increase in membership since the visit of the Crusade and the laying of the corner stone of the S. R. L. M. A., and much greater interest is being shown by the public in the meetings and work generally. Dr. and Mrs. Partridge, formerly of Los Angeles, and Bro. Harrison, formerly of San José, are now residing in San Diego and are helping forward the work there. Col. E. T. Blackmer, President of the Branch, recently visited San Francisco and spoke at the Sunday meeting on "Modern Science at the Close of the XIXth Century."

POINT LOMA T. S., Cal. The Secretary, Dr. Thomas Docking, reports that open meetings are held first and last Sundays of each month. The Branch is at 164 Boston Avenue in the suburbs of San Diego and its members are all faithful workers.

GILROY T. S., Cal. We regret to record the death of one of the charter members and former President of this Branch—Mrs. H. D. Van Schaick, who died April 12th. Mrs. Van Schaick was beloved by all the members and her devotion and unselfishness did much for the cause of Theosophy in Gilroy.

REDDING T. S., Cal., reports recent additions to its membership. Good work is being done in distributing leaflets in the County Jail and among the general public.

STOCKTON T. S., Cal. Mrs. A. C. Kelsey reports as follows: Mrs. S. A. Harris of Oakland, Cal., arrived in Stockton April 7th and stayed with us a week, holding informal public meetings and delivering two lectures. There is no doubt that activity and interest are greatly increasing here. We have a public meeting every Sunday evening; Branch meeting every Tuesday evening; *Secret Doctrine* Class, Sunday mornings.

PETALUMA T. S., Cal., has recently had a visit of several days from Miss Anne Bryce of San Francisco. Her visit greatly helped the Branch and was much appreciated by all the members.

SEATTLE T. S., Wash. The President writes that meetings are held every Sunday evening at the Headquarters 612 Third Avenue. Papers are read by students, a quiz following. Thursday evenings our lessons are from the FORUM. A ten minute paper on the subject of the lesson is read and discussed. This is followed by short remarks on topics pertaining to the lesson, which have been assigned to members the week previously. Tuesday evenings the training class carries out a very interesting program. Quite an improvement in some of the members is apparent. Tuesdays at 2 P. M. a club called "The Theosophical Investigation Club," meets at the home of the President. Here Theosophical subjects are discussed and members of the Society as well as non-members take part.

BELLINGHAM BAY T. S., Fairhaven, Wash. The Secretary writes: "We have had a most profitable visit from Mr. James Pryse, and shall not forget it in a hurry. Our Branch members are faithful." Beside work there, weekly visits are made to the Whatcom Branch and assistance given.

WHATCOM T. S., New Whatcom, Wash. Excellent work is being done by this Branch in the far Northwest; the Brothers Farnung and Miss Farnung deserve special mention for their loyal and devoted work.

PORTLAND T. S., Oregon, has entered upon a new cycle of activity. Bro. Jas. M. Pryse greatly helped the Branch and his work in public and private was much appreciated by the members. Attendance at all meetings has increased and the members are all loyal and energetic.

NARADA T. S., Tacoma, Wash. Excellent reports have been received of the work done during the past six months. The Secretary writes as follows: Our public Sunday meetings are well attended. The rooms are open daily as usual, the inquirers becoming more and more numerous and our books being used and read constantly by a larger public. The Thursday evening meetings have been specially successful during the last winter. The Home Crusade under the leadership of Mrs. Sheffield has done good work and met with great success. A Headquarters No. 2 has been established in the Negro quarter where we have rented a hall. The lady members, under the name "Crusade Workers," have been a wonderful assistance to the general work during the last year.

HARTINGTON T. S., Nebr. Interest in Theosophy is increasing rapidly in Hartington. Our regular attendance, including both visitors and members, has quadrupled within the last month. We are starting a library and reading room.

CINCINNATI T. S., Ohio. Theosophical work in Cincinnati goes steadily on. Every Tuesday night essays are read, discussion invited, and the public that attend feel that here they find a spirit of inquiry that is founded on a *dead in earnest* search for truth. "Harmony, sympathy, just views of all systems of thought, and no carping criticism" is the way a stranger puts it. He was a stranger but has now joined the *Secret Doctrine* class. On April 13, 1897, the anniversary of William Q. Judge's birth, the Cincinnati Theosophical Society held a special meeting after the adjournment of the public meeting. The special meeting was not intended as a private one, and many of the audience, besides the members, remained. Mr. Judge's picture was on an easel upon the platform, the frame being draped in smilax. Flowers in profusion were also in evidence. Dr. J. D. Buck gave an address on the life and work of Mr. Judge after which readings from Mr. Judge's edition of the *Bhagavad Gita* were given and remarks made by others of the members. A telegram was sent to headquarters in New York City, stating that the Cincinnati T. S. heartily united with all the other Branches in the ceremonies of April 13th.

TAMPA T. S., Fla., was chartered April 12th and held its meeting for organization and election of officers on April 21st. R. L. Davis was elected President; G. N. Benjamin, 1st Vice President; W. Jeffcott, 2d Vice President; A. E. Davis, Treasurer; Mrs. W. S. Abbott, Secretary; C. E. Twitt, Librarian. Meetings are held Sundays and Wednesdays at 8.30 P. M. in room 11, Campbell Block.

STUDENTS T. S., Augusta, Ga., chartered on April 23d has elected officers as follows:—Berry G. Benson, President; Andrew Mulcay, Vice-President; J. M. Desrochers, Secretary and Treasurer; Dr. D. G. Himrod, Librarian. Meetings are held on Friday evenings in room 18, Library Building, Jackson Street. The branch has grown out of a study class which was organized April, 1896, and continued to meet every week until April 9th, 1897, when a sufficient number applied for membership and a charter. Several others besides the members are interested and will probably soon join the Branch.

WELLINGTON T. S., Ohio, was chartered May 7th. This Branch is largely the result of the work of members of the Toledo Branch. Mrs. Celestia R. Lang is Secretary. The Branch has begun under good auspices and the prospects for the future are bright.

KATHERINE A. TINGLEY T. S., New York City. This Branch which meets on E. 14th Street was chartered under the name Purple T. S., but at the request of the members, the name was changed to the above.

VANCOUVER T. S., B. C., was chartered May 14th. Brother Wm. Stewart, of the Victoria Branch, visited that city and gave several lectures, which brought together the forces set in motion by a number of others who had previously done work at that point. All along the Victoria Branch has extended aid in many ways to Brother T. Parsons, of

Vancouver, who has kept the fires burning by holding weekly meetings for months past. The officers are: President, T. Parsons, 309 Georgia Street; Secretary, G. S. Carr, 525 How Street. Brother Parsons writes: "We conduct two study classes on Sunday and Wednesday evenings, and public meetings Sundays at 3 P. M., in Sullivan's Hall. Fully one-half of our members are already earnest students. We have started a subscription list for the Indian Relief Fund, and hope to take up other practical work as we perfect organization. Our Branch shows signs of a strong constitution and is going to grow."

HOUSTON T. S., Texas, was chartered May 15th. The Branch is the outcome of the efforts of Miss Grace Henderson, a member of the Columbus T. S. (Ohio), who has been visiting in Houston. A meeting for organization was held May 2d, at the offices of Dr. W. A. Boxell; the rooms were crowded to overflowing. Dr. Boxell was elected President and A. E. Madgwick, Secretary. The Branch will be glad to correspond with other branches of the T. S. A. The Secretary's address is: The Hutchins House, Houston, Texas.

LOGANSPORT T. S., Ind., was chartered May 18th. Mrs. M. R. McQuiston has been elected President and Dr. David E. Delzell, Secretary.

VICTOR, Colo. A Centre has been organized here through the efforts of Mrs. Lina L. Lockwood. Steps are being taken to form a Branch.

BEAVER T. S., Toronto, Canada, reports as follows:—Five of our members attended the Convention in New York and on their return brought with them Bro. D. N. Dunlop. Notice of Bro. Dunlop's coming having been received two days previously, a public meeting was arranged for the evening of his arrival. On Sunday, May 2d, Bro. Dunlop lectured to a large audience on "The Elements of Theosophy." On the 5th Miss Hargrove and Mrs. Stevens arrived in Toronto from Buffalo, and on the 6th Bro. Clark Thurston of Providence arrived, so we had quite a reunion. On Friday, the 7th, some of the lady members visited the Toronto jail and were permitted to speak to the prisoners. Those who think that Theosophy is not for the common people would have been surprised to see how the hearts of these poor women were touched by the words of kindnesss and helpfulness that came direct from the heart. On the same evening a Brotherhood supper was given to over a hundred poor people; after the supper there were addresses, music and reading. May 8th, White Lotus Day, was celebrated by a special meeting. A Lotus Circle was formed, this being due to the devotion and energy of Mrs. J. Harris.

BUFFALO T. S., N. Y., sends in a report of excellent work done during the past month. Miss Hargrove visited Buffalo on May 1st, and stayed several days with Mrs. Stevens. On May 2d, a "sisterhood supper" was given at the "Wayfare," the women in the home and a number of the women from the Branch having supper together. After supper we had music and singing and short speeches in the parlor. The same evening all the women who had been present at the supper attended the public meeting of the Branch and much enjoyed the speeches. We hope to make a regular feature of "Wayfare" work—making it a bond between us and the women who come to the home; all who remain in town will be asked to attend the "sisterhood" supper on Sunday evenings. On May 3d a visit was paid by some of the lady members of the Branch to the Almshouse and on the 4th to the Erie Co. Penitentiary and met and talked with all the women there, giving them flowers. It was wonderful to see how the hearts of the women opened and their faces brightened in response to the sympathy and love expressed for them. It is intended to carry on this work systematically in future; three of the women of the Branch will visit the penitentiary weekly. Mrs. Griffith, the matron of the Wayfare, is enthusiastic about it and helps the women to forget their past and to get work, much of the success of the work being due to her. May 9th, Dr. Hartmann and C. F. Willard arrived and addressed a large meeting in the evening. An informal reception was held after the meeting and on Monday, the 10th, Dr. Hartmann was "at home" at the house of Mrs. Stevens and met many members and enquirers.

LYNN T. S., Mass., received a visit from Bro. Seeley of the Beacon Branch, Boston, who lectured on "The Springtime of Theosophy."

BALTIMORE T. S., Md., Major J. A. Clark lectured recently in Russell's Hall on the "Fall of Man." The audience was large and very appreciative.

LOUISVILLE T. S., Ky., reports that permanent headquarters have been procured at 619 First Street. These are open every week day from 5 to 8 P. M., and on Sundays at 3 P. M. and 8 P. M.

MILWAUKEE T. S., Wis., now meets in Hathaway Building, Rooms 13–15, corner

Mason Street and Broadway. Meetings are held Wednesdays 8 P. M. and Sundays 3:45 P. M.

ARYAN T. S., New York City, has a new President in E. Aug. Neresheimer. His election has given great satisfaction to all the members. Both the Tuesday evening and Sunday evening meetings are well attended, many visitors being present. A special meeting was held on May 8th, White Lotus Day, at which readings were given from *Voice of the Silence*, *Light of Asia* and *Key to Theosophy*, and short addresses made on the life and work of H. P. B. by Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, J. H. Fussell, A. H. Spencer, E. T. Hargrove and others.

"H. P. B." T. S., New York City. White Lotus Day is a day of special interest to members of the "H. P. B." Branch, for it is also the anniversary of the foundation of the branch. The branch was formed on the very day that H. P. B. left her physical body by Miss Stabler and four others, and on the next morning, when Mr. Judge was surrounded by newspaper reporters who were wondering if the T. S. would now collapse, the application for the new "H. P. B." branch was received by him and was the answer he gave as to the vitality of the society. A special meeting was therefore held May 8th. Addresses were made by Miss Stabler, president and founder of the branch, and by H. Crooke, D. N. Dunlop, A. L. Conger, Jr., and others. Bro. Dunlop quoted from a letter by Mr. Judge, who said: "Where H. P. B. was, there was the Theosophical Movement," and, added Bro. Dunlop, "it was so with W. Q. Judge, and with equal force it can now be said that where Katherine A. Tingley is there is the movement."

The work at the KATHERINE A TINGLEY CENTRE, 607 E. 14th Street, New York, will be discontinued during the summer season. The monthly contributors may discontinue sending their contributions from this date until October 1st, or until notice is given. Then the work will be reorganized on new lines, entirely under Mrs. Tingley's supervision. Due notice of this will be given. All donations in future should be sent to Mr. A. L. Conger, Jr., Assistant Treasurer, 144 Madison Avenue, New York.

THE WAGNER LECTURES.

Mrs. Cleather and Mr. Basil Crump began a Home Crusade tour after convention, their chief work being to give musical lectures on Theosophy and Wagner's Dramas with particular reference to "Lohengrin." Starting on April 29 with Mme. Petersen they first spent two days at Bridgeport, one evening being devoted to telling the Branch about the Crusade and the English work and the second to Wagner. A number of musical people came to this meeting and seemed greatly interested at the new light thrown on the subject. Mrs. Cleather gave a short address on the universal scope of the movement, and how it included all those who worked for humanity in any way. Basil Crump followed with a sketch of Wagner's life and work and a short analysis of Lohengrin. He wrote a two column report which was printed in the Bridgeport *Union;* a reprint thereof was most useful as a programme for subsequent lectures. An E. S. T. meeting was also held Boston was reached late on Saturday and a large meeting of the E. S. T. was attended the same evening. On Sunday evening the spacious Branch room was full when Mrs. Cleather spoke on the Crusade and Basil Crump on "Lohengrin." Monday night was filled by a public lecture on "Wagner and his Work" with music by violin, organ and piano. Burcham Harding spoke at this meeting and the Rev. W. Williams was also present. Mrs. Cleather and Bro. Crump returned to New York the same night and found that arrangements had been made for a public lecture on "Lohengrin, a Knight of the Mystic Brotherhood," at Tuxedo Hall on the following Thursday. Herr Edward Herrmann and a fellow professional kindly assisted with the instrumental music and E. A. Neresheimer contributed some of the vocal illustrations with fine effect. The attendance was good considering the extremely short notice given. Next morning, May 7, they accompanied Mrs. Tingley and Bro. F. M. Pierce to Chicago, Bro. W. C. Temple joining the party at Pittsburg. The White Lotus Day exercises were included in the public lecture on Lohengrin, the proceedings being opened by appropriate remarks on H. P. B. by the chairman, Bro. A. M. Smith, and "Siegfried's Death March." Mrs. Tingley also spoke on H. P. B. at the end and some remarks from Bro. Temple brought the meeting to a close. A Branch meeting was held immediately afterwards in the hotel at which some vital matters were discussed and Mrs. Tingley spoke beautifully and at considerable length. On Sunday, after an esoteric meeting the party left for Washington, Bro. Temple returning as far as Pittsburg. A pleasant evening was spent on the cars discussing future work, reading the *Gita* and meditating. At Washington, Bro. George Coffin had secured an attendance of nearly 1,000, the hall being gaily decorated with the Crusade flags brought

from New York by Mrs. Mayer. Mrs. Tingley and Major Clarke spoke after this lecture, which took place on the 11th. On the 12th Mrs. Mayer went on to Philadelphia to help in organizing the meeting there and Mrs. Tingley left by the night train for New York after holding a reception at the hotel. Mrs. Cleather and Bro. Crump, who enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Coffin, attended an E. S. T. meeting there in the afternoon and went on next day to Philadelphia where they stayed with Mrs. Vannest. The meeting here on the 14th was wonderfully successful. Mrs. Tingley returned from New York with Brothers Pierce and Dunlop, and Mrs. Keightley was also present. Mrs. Tingley made a splendid speech and inspired Bro. Dunlop and Mrs. Keightley who followed her. On returning to New York the two lecturers went to Brooklyn, where they attended two E. S. T. meetings and lectured in the Masonic Hall on Sunday evening. Monday afternoon saw them *en route* for Louisville, Ky., where the energy of Bros. George Wilson, E. Holbrook and their colleagues had made excellent arrangements at short notice. On the night of arrival the new E. S. T. Lodge was addressed and on Wednesday evening an attentive audience of about 500 people listened to the Lohengrin lecture in the Liederkranz Hall. On the afternoon of the 20th Toledo was reached and the somewhat weary travellers lectured the same evening. Many of those present were professional musicians who expressed themselves as much pleased and interested. The next day an E. S. T. meeting and then off to Buffalo for the last lecture of the tour. This was given in the Concert Hall to a large and sympathetic audience. Mrs. Tingley had intended to come, but being unable she sent Miss Anna M. Stabler in her place and she concluded the lecture with an address on the Movement and its Leaders, H. P. Blavatsky, William Q. Judge, and Katherine A. Tingley. The next day, Sunday, was a busy one. In the morning a Lotus Circle, at noon an E. S. T. meeting, in the afternoon a visit to the Women's "Wayfare," and in the evening a Branch meeting to which many came who had been present at the Wagner lecture. The party returned to New York the same night. The new aspect of Theosophy presented in these musical lectures has proved very attractive and has interested a new section of the public who are ready for the message but needed touching in a different way. They are only a preliminary experiment, and later on when there is more time for organization and preparation, they will be given in a form more worthy of the greatness of the subject matter.—B. C.

LECTURE TOURS.

JAMES M. PRYSE.—At Helena, Mont., lectured to full house in Grand Army Hall, April 22d, on "Modern Theosophy." Arrived at Minneapolis April 27th, attended class meeting same evening and held E. S. T. on the 28th. On the 29th lectured at Branch rooms on "Occultism, True and False"; on 30th held a general E. S. T. meeting at St. Paul; and on May 1st spoke at Branch rooms, St. Paul, on "The Mysteries." On the 2d (Sunday) delivered a lecture at the Manning College Rooms, Minneapolis, on "Theosophy and Christianity"; in the afternoon attended Lotus Circle, Branch meeting and E. S. T. meeting in Minneapolis, and lectured at St. Paul in the evening. at Branch Rooms, on "Occultism." Took a two-weeks' vacation at Galesville, Wis., while arranging a new itinerary; and reached Sioux Falls, S. Dakota, May 19th.

Letters from the Branches visited by Bro. James Pryse speak in the highest possible terms of his good work.

REVD. W. WILLIAMS and BURCHAM HARDING made a short lecturing tour in New England. Leaving New York April 29th, they called at Boston *en route*, and reached Lynn, Mass. Securing Oxford Club, the most fashionable hall, they lectured May 1st and 2d to appreciative audiences. Arrangements are being made to form a new Centre at Lynn among the Woman's club elements. Sunday May 2d Rev. W. Williams spoke to a large audience in Cambridge. May 3d found these workers upon the platform at Pierce Hall, Boston, taking part in the "Wagner" recital. The following day Lowell was reached, and addresses given to a crowded audience, and repeated to an overflow meeting in the Branch room. Lotus Circle work was stimulated, and a talk on branch work given to the members. May 5th they addressed a meeting at Roxbury, and then left for Providence, R. I. The members there had engaged Sterling Hall which was well filled. The greatest interest was shown in the simple explanations given of the basic principles of Theosophy. May 7th, the Pawtucket branch worked up a splendid meeting characterised by great enthusiasm. This branch though newly formed has great vitality. On the afternoon of Sunday, the 8th, they spoke at Fall River, Mass., and at night lectured at New Bedford to a full house. A centre was started here, some joining the T. S. A. It is expected that a centre at Fall River will also be organized shortly. May 10th they returned to New York.

DR. FRANZ HARTMANN left New York May 5th on a lecture tour through the Central States. He was accompanied by C. F. Willard. They have visited Syracuse, Buffalo, Jamestown, Detroit, Fort Wayne, Chicago, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Dayton and will also visit Youngstown, Pittsburg and Philadelphia. Detailed report of the tour was not to hand at the time of making up the current issue of the FORUM and will therefore have to be held over until next month. Good news, however, has been reported all along the line and the Doctor's lectures have been everywhere most successful and much appreciated.

CHILDREN'S WORK,

REORGANIZATION OF LOTUS CIRCLE WORK.

At the recent annual convention of the T. S. A. the following resolution was presented by Mrs. Elizabeth C. Mayer on behalf of the Lotus Circle Committee :

"*Whereas* it is deemed for the better interests of the Lotus Circles and Theosophic work among children, that this work may be carried on in a broader and freer way, that people outside the T S. may be brought into, and engage in its work, and that it may more effectively reach and work among a larger number of children, be it

Resolved, that the present official connection between the T. S. A. and the Lotus Circles be and is hereby severed."

It was also stated that: "It is not intended that the actual work of the Lotus Circles be in any way separated from the T. S. A. or branches of its Societies but that the two continue to coöperate and work in harmony as do the Esoteric School and the outer Society, and yet be officially separate."

The resolution was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

A petition signed by leading members throughout the country interested in the work of the Lotus Circles was read by Mrs. Mayer asking Mrs. Tingley to take the direct leadership and guidance of the Children's Work. Mrs. Tingley accepted through Dr. Buck.

April 29, at a meeting held at Headquarters, it was decided to organize on a broad and general basis for *unsectarian brotherhood work*, and thus have a body equipped for brotherhood work of any sort, such as that among convicts and the lower classes in large cities, in addition to the work of the Lotus Circles and the teaching and helping children.

April 30, an election of officers was held. Mrs. Tingley had before been offered, and had accepted, the headship, but was on this occasion formally elected, by acclamation, President for life.

Other officers were elected for one year, as follows : E. T. Hargrove, Vice-president ; E. A. Neresheimer, Treasurer ; A. L. Conger, Jr., Secretary ; Miss S. P. Churchill, Assistant Secretary. Mrs. E. C. Mayer was appointed by Mrs. Tingley general superintendent of the Lotus Circle work.

An Executive Committee of seven and a Disbursement Committee were also elected.

This organization, of which the Lotus Circle work will be one part of the activities, has a great future before it. At the next meeting, to be held soon, a name will probably be adopted and more definite plans of work agreed upon.

NOTICE.

To all interested in Children's Work.

At Mrs. Katherine A. Tingley's request all activities of Lotus Circle Work will be discontinued until September 15, 1897.

On September 1st, new plans and instructions will be sent to Superintendents of Lotus Circles and others who are interested in above work. Communications should be sent to the General Superintendent. Superintendents of Lotus Circles will please forward their addresses on or before July 1st. Donations to the general Lotus Circle Work and to the E. 14th St. "Do Good" Mission, New York City, (the work established by Mrs. Tingley some years ago) should be sent to the Assistant Treasurer, Mr. A. L. Conger, Jr., 144 Madison Avenue, New York.

Cordially yours,

ELIZABETH C. MAYER,
Gen. Supt. Children's Work,
Room 7, 144 Madison Avenue, New York.

[The following accounts of Lotus Circle work were received before the reorganization of this activity and were unavoidably crowded out of last issue.]

THE BUFFALO LOTUS CIRCLE, No. 1, under the superintendence of Mr. Orth, paid a fitting tribute to the memory of Mr. William Q. Judge, on the anniversary of his birth, April 13th, by presenting the beautiful Rainbow charade in the February "Child Life." A number of the Lotus songs were also sung, Mrs. Weldon Lloyd presiding at the organ.

During the evening fitting addresses were made by Mrs. W. A. Stevens, Mrs. J. C. Griffith, Mrs. J. E. Wade, Mr. Orth and Mr. Walker.

HARMONY LOTUS CIRCLE, Milwaukee, Wis., gathered together informally at the home of Mrs. Riggle to commemorate Mr. Judge's birthday on April 13th. The exercises were as follows: Singing; a speech by the Superintendent, in which she called attention to Mr. Judge's picture, which was on a large cardboard covered with blue cloth and standing on a table at the head of the room. She told them of his great love for children and related some instances, and she reminded them that the motto of Mr. Judge's life and the motto of Harmony Lotus Circle were the same and asked them to repeat it: "To live to benefit mankind is the first step." They were then formed into a line for marching and each was given a bunch of white flowers, and one by one they placed their flowers, with loving thoughts, around the picture, and were formed into a triangle with the table and picture in the centre.

The Superintendent then explained to the invited visitors that two weeks before she had asked all the children who liked the Lotus Circle and wanted to help others to *work* and *earn* some money to send to the lecture bureau, so that persons could be sent out to form other Lotus Circles for other children, and thus put into practice our motto, and that no more appropriate offering could be made on Mr. Judge's birthday. The little ones then told how each had earned the money. We began with our smallest boy, who brought seven pennies, earned by making paper flowers, pin-wheels, and going errands, which was splendid for a five-year old. After that the children played games and at 6 P. M. disbanded.

THE ANNIVERSARY of the birth of William Q. Judge was observed in an appropriate manner Tuesday afternoon, April 13th, by the Lotus Circle of Providence Branch. The children, members of the Branch, and many outsiders, assembled at the hall. The exercises consisted of opening remarks by Mrs. A. E. Percy, the Superintendent of the Lotus Circle; cornet solo, by Ira Holland; personal recollections and incidents in the life of W. Q. Judge, by Arthur B. Griggs, who also read a short original story for the children; offerings of flowers, by the Lotus Circle children, who, as each one brought his offering forward and laid it on a small table in front of Mr. Judge's picture, recited an appropriate selection bearing on his character; singing, by the children, "The Lotus Symbol"; recitation, by Marie McAuliffe; vocal solo, by Marion Crane; an original poem, by Mrs E. R. Thurston; address, by Brother Clark Thurston, on the life, work and character of Mr. Judge; singing, by the children, "Sowing and Reaping"; a short story and closing remarks, by Mrs. A. E. Percy.

GRAND RAPIDS. Beside the regular meeting the children come to the rooms Friday afternoons, from 3.30 to 5 o'clock, to play games, read, look at pictures and amuse themselves in any way they choose. Some of the boys have been persistent in asking for a contribution box in which to drop the usual penny given at Sunday School, so one was provided, and its contents will be kept until an occasion arrives when it can be used to do a brotherly kindness. We have also what we call a supply closet, for which is gladly received any clothing, shoes, etc. Through the kind donation of some of the members we have been able to supply several needy ones with clothing. In connection with the Lotus Circle is the Canal St. Club, for young men from 14 to 18 years old. It meets every Friday evening, from 7.30 to 9, and is well attended. Games, reading of stories aloud, books, pictures and a talk on Brotherhood fill up the time. Miss Raymond, Miss Mould, Miss Guest, Mr. and Mrs. Farley were also present. The usual programme was carried out and Mr. Farley held the attention of the boys in a wonderful way with his story of the Golden Age that was and is to be again in the future. The interest in the class seems to be increasing, as the boys sent one of their number to request that they might come three nights in the week instead of one.

THE SIOUX CITY LOTUS CIRCLE, under the management of Miss Bandusia Wakefield, gave a very successful entertainment April 13th, in honor of W. Q. Judge. The programme sent out by the L. C. C. was carried out, and the play presented with costumes and music was very beautiful. Many strangers were present and were very much interested.

Mrs Macfarlane, of the Denver Lotus Circle, sends word that they received the play

too late, and so were unable to present it for April 13th. They had a social evening instead, rooms were beautifully decorated and charming music was furnished by three girls from the Lotus Circle playing on zithers. The Lotus Circle is named after Mr. Judge.

HARTINGTON, NEBR., reports goods work done by the Lotus Circle and a large increase in membership during the last month.

VICTOR, COLO. Mrs. Lina L. Lockwood sends report as follows: April 28, 1897. At our Lotus Circle last Sunday, only the fourth meeting we have held, we had a large attendance, and it is not a question of children but of quarters for them, as each child brings in two or three new ones every Sunday.

PORTLAND, OREGON. The Lotus Circle under the efficient management of Miss S. J. Niles is doing good work. A piano has recently been purchased for the Lotus Circle, payments for which will be made from the proceeds of social entertainments given for that purpose.

ENGLISH LETTER.

A Brotherhood Supper was given at Walworth, in South-east London, on April 5th, under the auspices of the Brixton Lodge. One hundred and thirty people from a very poor neighborhood were entertained with the usual success. There was a larger proportion of women and children than usual. Another supper was given by the Bow Lodge on April 7th—one of a regular series given by that Lodge.

No new lodge has been chartered since March 9th, but new Centres continue to be formed.

Good work is being done in enlisting the sympathies of a body known as the Labor Church, a sort of esoteric basis of the various labor parties. Its objects are brotherhood and coöperation among all who work for social reform. It is printing articles by Theosophists in its organ, "The Labor Prophet," and some of its members welcome the Theosophical teachings as affording a much needed philosophical basis for their principles. The Croydon Lodge is responsible for this new branch of activity. A very strong Branch has been formed at Romford near London—strong, not in the number of its founders, but in their quality. For it contains Edgar Coryn, Kenneth Morris of Market Lavington fame, and H. P. Leonard, late Secretary of the Clifton Lodge. Surely no mere chance can have sent the last two to reside in that town.

At the H. P. B. Lodge, on April 26th, we had a most valuable evening. Brother Dunn, of Croydon, lectured on the work of Theosophy, and Mrs. Annie Thurston, F. T. S., of the Labor Church, spoke with extraordinary earnestness and eloquence on the relation of the T. S. to the Labor Church and similar bodies.

HENRY T. EDGE.

FRANCE.

PARIS, May 4, 1897.

During the past month the work has been steadily progressing and I am happy to report a satisfactory increase in the attendance at our meetings which has necessitated our moving into new quarters. The difficulties we have had to contend against in Paris cannot be fully appreciated by anyone not familiar with the "gay city" and its people. One of the greatest difficulties to be met has been the securing of a public hall for headquarters, and for meetings and library and reading room. The halls suitable for such purpose in Paris are few and far between and at a rent almost prohibitive. Until quite recently one of our members, Mme. R. Wolfe, very generously gave the Branch the use of her commodious parlors. The branch has now rented a flat containing suitable rooms for Theosophical meetings and work.

Altogether we feel very much encouraged about the future of the work in Paris and are looking forward to the time when that work shall spread to other parts of France We have been much aided in the past few months by the encouraging letters received from Mrs. Keightley, Mme. Petersen of Boston, and H. Crooke.

AXEL E. GIBSON.

SWEDEN.

Two new Lodges have been formed in Sweden, at Karlskrona and at Malmo, and membership all along the line is increasing. Great activity is being carried on in all our

Lodges and the prospect is very good and hopeful. It is a very significant fact that the Lodge at Upsala consists exclusively of workmen and artisans. The first annual convention of the T. S. in Europe (Sweden) will be held on Thursday and Friday, May 27th and 28th, and we are looking forward to a very large gathering of delegates and members.

NEW ZEALAND ACTIVITIES.

The annual meeting of the T. S. in Australasia (New Zealand) was held at the Society's headquarters, Marine Chambers, Quay St., Auckland, on the evening of March 11th. There was a full attendance of members. Bro. S. J. Neill attended as delegate from Thames Centre. Bro. Chief Judge Davy, of Wellington, was also present and was by special invitation requested to take part in the proceedings.

On the motion of Rev. S. J. Neill, seconded by Mrs. Cooper, the retiring officers were unanimously reëlected, viz.: John St. Clair, President; P. M. Dewar, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. A. Cooper, Vice-President. On motion of Bro. St. Clair, seconded by Mrs. F. M. St. Clair, the action of the Dublin Convention in appointing Rev. S. J. Neill our International Delegate was confirmed. The accounts, including the expenditure in connection with the Crusade, showed that the society was neither in debt nor in credit, and that it had succeeded by a brave effort in paying a share of the Crusade expenses in Auckland, although the larger portion had necessarily fallen on our generous American brothers and sisters. The report as read was unanimously adopted. It showed that since the Crusade we had more than doubled our membership and that all members were active. Arrangements were made for Sunday evening meetings and to print a programme of subjects for both the Thursday and Sunday evening meetings. A Secret Doctrine Class, under the leadership of Mrs. Cooper, and a Beginners' or Inquirers' Class, under the joint leadership of Bro. Judson and Mrs. Evitt, were also formed.

The annual meeting of the Waitemata Centre was then held and the following officers reëlected: J. St. Clair, President; Mrs. A. Cooper, Vice-President; Bro. Judson, Librarian; Mrs. J. Parkinson, Hon. Sec. Mrs. Davy and Bro. White were also added to the list of Vice-Presidents. On the motion of Bro. Neill, Bro. Robert White was appointed *Home Crusader*. He joined us as the result of the Crusaders' visit. The result of the Crusade has been to crowd us out of our rooms and we hope within a week or two to be in the Tailoress Union Hall, Cook Street, which will hold 150 to 200 people.

On March 21st the Waitemata Centre held a special meeting to commemorate the life and work of William Q. Judge. The Centre now holds regular meetings every Sunday at 7 P. M.

Our President, Bro. St. Clair, recently visited New Plymouth, and the result of his visit has been the formation of another Maori Centre at Hawera under the leadership of Hare Hongi (H. M. Stowell). A large field for work is opening out in this direction. The New Plymouth papers, especially the *Taranaki Herald*, have opened their columns to us and have arranged to take articles on theosophical subjects.

SUPPORT OF T. S. A.

Received, per George E. Harter, Dayton, Ohio, $50 towards support of the T. S. A. May 10th, 1897. E. AUG. NERESHEIMER, *Treasurer*.

FOUNDATION STONES OF THE SCHOOL FOR THE REVIVAL OF THE L. M. A.

Branch Presidents and Secretaries are hereby advised that until formally notified to ship these stones to Point Loma they should be held in possession of the Branches, as there are as yet no facilities for receiving them at San Diego. Due notification will be given through the FORUM when and how to ship as soon as the arrangements now in operation can be completed. A. H. SPENCER, *Secretary*.

NOTICE.

After the current number the FORUM will be issued on the 15th of each month. Secretaries of Branches are therefore asked to send their reports of activities to the Editor to be received by him not later than the first of each month.